Sub-regional Workshop on the Trade and Environment Dimensions in the Food and Food Processing Industries in the Pacific
Suva, Fiji, 7-8 June 2006

PROGRAMME

7 June 2006

08:30-09:00  Registration

09:00-09:30  Opening session:
- Introductory remarks by Mr. Raj Kumar, Acting Head, UNESCAP Pacific Operations Centre (EPOC)
- Opening statement by Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, Director, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, UNESCAP
- Opening statement by Mr. Amena V. Yauvoli, Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Fiji

09:30-09:45  Coffee Break

09:45-10:15  Session 1. Trade and environmentally sustainable economic growth: how the economy and the environment can be mutually supportive, by Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, UNESCAP

10:15-11:00  Session 2. Environmental requirements and market access for food products: nature and trends of environmental and health requirements for food products, constraints faced by developing countries in the Pacific, by Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, UNESCAP

11:00-11:45  Session 3. Trade and Environment: issues, concepts and the Doha Negotiations: - Trade and Environment negotiations at the WTO, SPS and TBT Agreements, by Mr. Marc Proksch, UNESCAP

11:45-12:30  Session 4: Environmental impacts of food production and processing: sustainability of production and imports of intermediate products used in the food and food processing industries, including fertilizers, pesticides, treatment of effluents, resource depletion, loss of biodiversity, etc. by Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, UNESCAP

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-14:15  Session 5: Regional perspective: trade and environment in the context of the development strategies for the Pacific, by Mr. Siliga Kofe, ESCAP/POC

14:15-15:00  Session 6. Environmental and Health requirements and market access for food products in Australia: presentation by Mr. Andrew Martin, Deputy High Commissioner of Australia to Fiji

15:00-15:45  Session 7: Environmental and Health requirements and market access for food products in New Zealand: presentation by Ms. Louisa Sifakula, Pacific Islands Trade and Investment Commission (PITIC)
15:45-16:00  Coffee break

16:00-16:45  Session 8. Trade and environment dimensions in the food and food processing industries in Asia and the Pacific: Presentation of the findings of the regional study, by Dr. S.K. Mohanty, RIS

16:45-17:30  Session 9. Trade and environment dimensions in the food and food processing industries in Fiji: Presentation of the findings of the country case study, by Prof. Biman Prasad, University of the South Pacific

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08:30-10:45  Session 10. Trade and environment dimensions in the food and food processing industries in the Pacific: Country presentations

10:45-11:00  Coffee break

11:00-11:45  Session 11. Export competitiveness and environmental sustainability: Experiences in the Sugar sector in Fiji, by Mr. Deo Saran, Chief manager Production, Fiji Sugar Corporation Ltd.

11:45-12:30  Session 12. Export competitiveness and environmental sustainability: Experiences in the Food Processing sector in Fiji, by Mr. Dron Prasad, Production and Research & Development Manager, Fiji Food Processors

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-15:00  Session 13. Export competitiveness and environmental sustainability: how to create win-win situations: how to enhance the export competitiveness in the food sector and at the same time address domestic environmental concerns and improve the environmental sustainability of production. Best practices, tools, policy options.

15:00-15:15  Coffee break

15:15-17:00  Conclusions and recommendations

17:00  Closing session